

Where Local Good Grows

# Hendricks County Community Foundation



One of my favorite times of year at HCCF is when we get to share the results of our latest Community Impact Grants. This round, we awarded **\$86,507** to eighteen outstanding local organizations working to make life better across Hendricks County—from expanding dental care for the uninsured to helping kids, seniors, and even shelter pets thrive. These grants represent the best of what our community can do when we come together with generosity and purpose.

As I read through the applications and see the difference these projects make, I'm reminded of how this work is fueled by gifts to our [unrestricted Community Enhancement Funds](#)—the same funds supported through our Stronger Together campaign. Every dollar given to these funds is matched three-to-one, meaning your generosity goes four times as far to help neighbors in need. With just over two months left in the campaign, we don't want to leave a single matching dollar on the table!

Around our home, Bonnie and Moose help keep our spirits high (and our shoes safely hidden—Moose's favorite hobby these days). They remind us that caring for our community is about joy, connection, and sometimes a little playful chaos. Thank you for helping us carry that same spirit into everything we do at HCCF.

P.S. If you've been thinking about a gift to [Stronger Together](#), now's the time! Every \$1 donated before December 31 becomes \$4 for Hendricks County—making an impact that lasts long after the treats (or shoes) are gone.



Yours in Philanthropy,  
[William Rhodehamel](#)  
President & CEO  
(and Bonnie & Moose)

## \$86,507 in Community Impact Grants

This month the HCCF's Board of Directors approved Community Impact Grants, from our second cycle for the year, totaling over **\$86,507** to organizations serving every corner of Hendricks County. These grants were made from our largest unrestricted fund, the Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund, as well as from 67 [Family Legacy Funds](#) created by families who want to leave a legacy for



Danville-Center Township Public Library

good in Hendricks County.

See list of grant recipients below:

- **At Your School (AYS)** - AYS Out-of-School Time Programs - Plainfield - \$5,000.00
- **Crossroads of America Council, Scouting America** - Financial assistance to participate in scouting - \$5,000.00
- **Cummins Behavioral Health** - Family Fun Night - \$4,000.00
- **Danville-Center Township Public Library** - Carnegie Preservation and Restoration - \$4,000.00
- **Handicapable Camp** - Camp 2026 - \$5,000.00
- **Hendricks County Humane Society** - Website development - \$4,000.00
- **Hendricks County Senior Services** - Transportation services - \$5,000.00
- **Hendricks Live!** - Indiana History Education Program: Stage 2 - \$5,000.00
- **Hope Healthcare Services** - Expanding Access to Affordable Dental Care for the Uninsured - \$8,775.00
- **Indy Hygiene Hub** - Hygiene Kits for Families In Need - \$5,000.00
- **Kiwanis Club of Plainfield** - Kiwanis Comfort Closets - \$5,000.00
- **Misty Eyes Animal Shelter** - Necessary Equipment for Daily Care and Surgical Needs - \$1,900.00
- **Paws & Think** - Therapy Dog and Reading Programs in Hendricks County - \$3,346.00
- **Radiant Community Development Corporation** - Winding Way Furnishings - \$5,000.00
- **Strides to Success** - Director of Community Engagement - \$5,000.00
- **Susie's Place** - Bloomerang Funding - \$8,686.20
- **The Gathering Together** - Expanding Compassionate End-of-Life Care Through Renovation and Relocation - \$4,800.00
- **YMCA of Greater Indianapolis (HRH YMCA)** - YMCA Active Older Adults in Hendricks County - \$2,000.00

Join the 67 families who have established Legacy Funds that fueled these grants; [contact HCCF today](#) to learn how you can establish a legacy fund and build a brighter future for Hendricks County.

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## Build a Better Hendricks County Future

Your generosity makes a difference! Thanks to our amazing donors, the Community Foundation is proud to support [Central Indiana Youth For Christ](#) (CIYFC) with a recent Community Impact grant of \$2,000.

CIYFC is a national, holistic, community-based model that helps young people in under-resourced communities succeed through programs in financial literacy, civic engagement, education, health, and spiritual growth. Its goal is to develop local youth into leaders who impact where they live.

This grant is just one example of the life-changing impact being made in Hendricks County through a grant from HCCF. Are you feeling inspired to make a difference too?

Join the [Stronger Together campaign](#) at HCCF, and **your gift to our unrestricted funds will be matched \$3 to \$1!** Your donation directly supports vital programs like Central Indiana Youth For Christ, helping us build a stronger, brighter community for everyone.

Click [here](#) to learn more and give to Stronger Together.



HCCF Community Impact Grant presentation to Central Indiana Youth For Christ

## Don't Miss Your Chance to Quadruple Your Gift!

[Click here](#) to learn more about how you can multiply your gift by **four** and help HCCF make your community a better place!



## Religious Diversity Series

[Join us](#) for HCCF's 2025 Religious Diversity Workshop Series, presented in collaboration with the Center for Interfaith Cooperation (CIC).

These free monthly workshops will explore and celebrate the core beliefs and unique practices of different religions, creating space for understanding and meaningful conversations. The sessions will feature engaging speakers, panel discussions and opportunities for attendees to gain knowledge and appreciation for the diverse religious traditions that enrich our community.

[Click this link](#) to register for the **LAST** workshop on Wednesday, November 5th on Paganism. A free





## Amo High School Alumni Fund Awards Grants

Talk about hometown pride! The Amo High School Alumni Fund shows the true power of local giving by ensuring community dollars stay in Clay Township.



Downtown Amo

This endowed, Field of Interest Fund was originally started in 1996 by the Alumni of Amo High School to provide educational grants for graduating seniors and community projects. This month, the fund awarded over \$10,000 in grants to organizations serving Amo:

- **Amo Volunteer Fire Department:** \$2,500- to purchase smoke detectors
- **Cascade Youth League:** \$3,100-to support the erection of safety nets on the Amo Diamonds at Brian Burch Memorial Sports Park
- **Coatesville-Clay Township Public Library:** \$1,200-To purchase a 2-sided white board for use in the library
- **Mill Creek West Elementary School** \$700-To purchase a set of State Books
- **Town of Amo** \$3,100-Amo Interurban History Museum

Do you want to create a lasting community legacy? [Contact HCCF today](#) to learn how you can start your own Field of Interest fund to support the causes most important to you!

## Grants at a Glance

Our vision is to make Hendricks County a place where everyone has the opportunity to have a fulfilling life and the tools they need to build a stronger future together.

[HCCF grantmaking](#) is the heartbeat of that vision! Below are the grants awarded last month, building a stronger future for our community.

Fund	Grantee	Grant Amount
HCCF Inclusive Philanthropy Fund	Plainfield Performing and Fine Arts Council/Hendricks Live!	\$ 4,562
HCFPC Libby Hammond Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	\$ 18,300
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition ARPA Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition Fund	\$ 24
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	\$ 13,562
Hendricks County Women's Giving Circle Fund	Brooke's Place for Grieving Young People	\$ 7,500
Hendricks County Women's Giving Circle Fund	Child Care Answers	\$ 3,000
Hendricks County Women's Giving Circle Fund	Hope Healthcare Services	\$ 4,500
Imagination Library of Hendricks County Fund	Dollywood Foundation	\$ 3,384
Sports for All Kids Fund	Danville Girls Softball Association	\$ 2,625
TOTAL		\$ 57,457

[Contact us](#) to find out how you can partner with us and be part of this vision!

Check out dozens of great events in our community on the [Hendricks Community Calendar!](#)

## Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Fall is the perfect season for community in Hendricks County, and the calendar is packed with local fun! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:



### Fave Five #1: Plainfield Teacher Named Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Megan Johnson, a 4th-grade teacher at Central Elementary, was named Indiana's 2026 State Teacher of the Year in a surprise ceremony. Mrs. Johnson is the first-ever Indiana Teacher of the Year from Plainfield Schools, and she is being celebrated for her talent, passion, and impact on her students, colleagues, and the community. Congrats Mrs. Johnson!



### Fave Five #2: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a crucial time to support survivors, and our local shelter, Sheltering Wings. Sheltering Wings provides emergency housing and essential programs to help families break the cycle of abuse. Please visit their [website](#) today to donate or view their wish list to support this work.



### Fave Five #3: Happy Haunted House

Bring the whole family to the [Sensory Friendly Happy Haunted House](#) tonight, October 28, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the ABA Opportunity Center (1285 E Main St, Danville, IN 46122).

This inclusive Halloween celebration is designed for children and families of all abilities, offering a trick-or-treating experience with no loud noises, jump scares, or flashing lights. Costumes are encouraged! Explore different themed rooms where community members and staff will be handing out candy and treats.

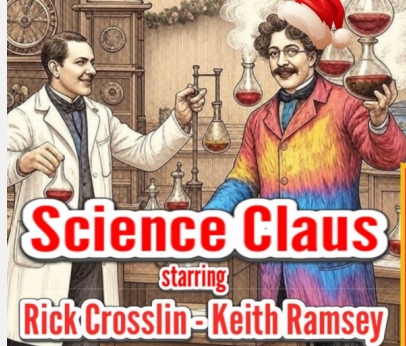


### Fave Five #4: Trick and Treat!

Halloween landing on a Friday means Hendricks County is ready for a huge weekend of spooky, family-friendly events! The county has a packed calendar of public activities featuring costumes, fall games, pumpkins, and plenty of candy. Check them out on Visit Hendricks County's website [here!](#) Remember to drive extra safe on Halloween to protect our little ghosts and goblins!

### Fave Five #5: Science Claus

You definitely won't want to miss "Science Claus," a fun, high-energy show celebrating the 200th anniversary of the first-ever Holiday Science



Lectures! Science favorites Rick Crosslin and Keith Ramsey are bringing back Michael Faraday's original 1825 idea, but with way more explosions and fun, like the Liquid Nitrogen Fun and Flaming Hands. It's a fantastic, one-hour family event on November 29th packed with laughter and wild experiments designed to make learning awesome. Get your tickets [here](#).



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## Thank You to Our 2025 Corporate Partners

Thank you to our incredible corporate partners! Their generous support is essential to making our vision for Hendricks County a reality – a place where everyone has the chance to thrive and build a brighter future. We encourage you to show your appreciation for these community-minded businesses by supporting them in return.

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